

*Atty Dkt.: 2002-IP-009930U1 (1391-41400)**Patent***REMARKS/ARGUMENTS*****Status of Claims***

Claims 25, 32-33, and 46-48 have been canceled.

Claims 1-24, 26-31, and 34-45 are pending in this application.

Applicants hereby request further examination and reconsideration of the presently claimed application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 1-24, 26-31, and 34-35 are allowed. Claim 46 stands rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as anticipated by *Hardin* (U.S. 6,775,894). Claim 46 is hereby canceled, thus the Applicant respectfully requests that a notice of allowance be issued for this application.

*Atty Dkt.: 2002-IP-009930U1 (1391-41400)**Patent***CONCLUSION**

Consideration of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application, and withdrawal of the rejections and objections is respectfully requested by Applicants. No new matter is introduced by way of the amendment. It is believed that each ground of rejection raised in the Office Action dated March 28, 2006 has been fully addressed. If any fee is due as a result of the filing of this paper, please appropriately charge such fee to Deposit Account Number 50-1515 of Conley Rose, P.C., Texas. If a petition for extension of time is necessary in order for this paper to be deemed timely filed, please consider this a petition therefore.

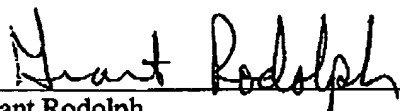
If a telephone conference would facilitate the resolution of any issue or expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

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